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Inside Out • Message 1

We exist to help people discover life in Christ.

JANUARY IS A SPECIAL MONTH FOR LCC.

Inside Out

WE HAVE A TENDENCY TO LIVE OUR LIVES BACKWARDS, OUTSIDE IN • STAR METAPHOR

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Proverbs 4:23 NIV

Everything I am flows from the **INSIDE OUT**.

BUT THIS CAN BE DANGEROUS

Only Three Options:

* My inside can be **EMPTY**.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is...

Romans 12:2a NIV

PRESSURES WILL CAUSE IMPLOSION // A COLLAPSE IN ONTO YOURSELF // BLACK HOLE

* My inside can be **NASTY**.

But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.

Matthew 15:18-19 NIV

IF THERE IS BAD STUFF ON THE INSIDE IT WILL ALWAYS COME OUT // SUPERNOVA

* My inside can be **GOOD**.

OF COURSE, IF THERE IS GOOD INSIDE, YOU LIKE A STAR WILL GIVE OFF LIGHT AND WARMTH

JANUARY GOALS: FILL YOUR INSIDES WITH CORE COMMITMENTS • PREPARE YOU FOR COMMITMENT

SUNDAY • KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING AS WE START FUNDRAISING

Filled Up

THE STAR METAPHOR IS COOL, BUT ANOTHER METAPHOR IS BETTER

Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Genesis 2:7 NIV

Element 1: **G O D** is my **A I R**.

MOST IMPORTANT THING IN OUR LIVES... WITHOUT GOD, WE ARE DUST

Getting God's Breath In Us

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

I need to be **FILLED** with **GOD'S WORD**.

HOWEVER, THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US APART FROM GOD'S SPIRIT

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:14 NIV

I need first to be filled with **GOD'S SPIRIT**.

SO HOW DO I GET FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT?

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Acts 2:38-39 NIV

REPENTANCE & BAPTISM ARE MORE THAN SAYING A PRAYER AND GETTING WET

I must first be in **SUBMISSION** to **CHRIST**.

GOD COMES FIRST • THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS

Take it Home

SOME THINGS GOD DOES AND SOME THINGS I NEED TO DO • REGENERATION & INDWELLING

Disciplines of Submission

* Repentance, Baptism & **FAITH** (Regeneration & Indwelling)

* **WORSHIP** // What's your Sunday motive?

* **PRAYER** // What's your perspective?

* **STUDY**

* **TITHING** // Consider Matthew 23:23-24

* **FASTING**

* **MORAL PURITY**

IF GOD SAYS IT ... •• GLUTTONY, GREED, LAZINESS, AND LUST ••
WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS CHURCH DEPENDS ON WHAT HAPPENS IN YOUR LIFE
AND WHAT HAPPENS IN YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON WHAT HAPPENS INSIDE YOU

Preparing for Commitment Sunday

GOD IS MY AIR:

In every aspect of my life, God comes first. His Word is my only authority. His Son is my only Salvation. His glory is my greatest desire. I give him the first of my every opportunity. Matt 22:37-38 (Gen 2:7 :: Acts 17:28-31)

Specifically, I have given my life over to Jesus as my Savior and Lord, I have followed him in the waters of baptism. I will submit my life to the mandates of the Bible, stand up for God's honor, and invest the first portion of my time, talent and treasures in the work of his Kingdom.